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CNAS or CPOP —City Hall Continues to Work For Neighborhoods

As Community Problem Oriented Policing shapes up in Cincinnati, some neighborhoods are wondering what will become of CNAS. CNAS stands for Cincinnati Neighborhood Action Strategy, and has been in place for a number of years.

CNAS brought together cross-functional teams of the administration to solve problems in neighborhoods. Some neighborhoods work extremely well with CNAS, and some do not use it at all.

Last month in Oakley, Mayor Luken spoke to neighborhood residents at the request of Oakley Community Council President Sue Doucleff.

The Mayor's point was simple—we don't want to fix something that isn't broken. Mayor Luken indicated to Oakley residents, and the next day in Council to a broader community, that



CityWest, part of the Hope VI project in the West End, is redefining a neighborhood in Cincinnati. The West End community is forging relationships with teams of City officials to clean up the neighborhood. As in any neighborhood, community involvement is key to the success of this project.

City Hall will work with neighborhoods *individually* to structure a system that best fits each community.

"One of Cincinnati's greatest assets is the distinguishing characteristics of each of our 52 neighborhoods. We shouldn't force a square peg into a round hole—we should create solutions that fit each neighborhood," said Mayor Luken recently.

CPOP will continue to develop, and it has had enormous success in city neighborhoods like Evans-ton and Madisonville.

But the City stands ready to continue the positive effects of CNAS for neighborhoods that prefer a different strategy.

Look for more news on CPOP and CNAS soon.

WWW.CINCINNATI-OH.GOV CITY'S NEW WEBSITE TAKES SHAPE

Click away Cincinnatians. Cincinnati's new website is up and running—and if you are a regular web user, you know it was time for Cincinnati to, well, upgrade.

The new web address is www.cincinnati-oh.gov, and it features a new look and

new services. Visitors can learn about their City, request information and services from the Administration, and contact elected officials.

Cincinnati now can advertise itself to visitors, new residents and businesses.

Visit often for important information and news about Cincinnati.

Also please note that city email addresses have changed to the following format: firstname.lastname@cincinnati-oh.gov

See you online!

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CINCINNATI BY THE NUMBERS

- 52: Number of Cincinnati Neighborhoods
- 5,000: Number of Acres in Cincinnati Parks
- 70: Number of Neighborhood Parks
- 29: Number of Neighborhood Community Centers
- 26: Number of Firehouses in Cincinnati
- 42: Number of Cincinnati Police Districts and Police Substations
- 6: Number of City Owned-Downtown Parking Garages
- 9,378: Number of Fire Hydrants in Cincinnati
- 7: Number of Golf Courses owned by City of Cincinnati
- 39: Number of Pools Owned by City of Cincinnati
- 400: Approximate Number of Hillside Stairways in Cincinnati
- Ideas? Email us at brendon.cull@cincinnati-oh.gov

SUCCESS IN CINCINNATI'S BUSINESS DISTRICTS

Everyone who has ever lived in Cincinnati has spent time in one of Cincinnati's neighborhood business districts.

Many of Cincinnati's famous business districts are thriving, growing, and as popular as ever. From Hyde Park Square to the Northside District, and from Seymour Avenue to Pleasant Ridge, developers and residents are still enamored with Cincinnati neighborhoods.



Fountain in Hyde Park Square

Pleasant Ridge is an important success story of how a neighborhood business district can partner with the City. Last year, the City completed its streetscape project along Montgomery Road, providing important infra-

structure needs to the community. Neighbors, activists, and business people were then able to better market their community as a place to welcome businesses.

The Pleasant Ridge community was dealt a blow last year when IGA decided to cease operations. But a dedicated group of neighborhood residents and business people pooled resources and opened the Ridge Market. (www.ridgemarket.com).

Ridge Market and Pleasant Ridge represent how things can get done in neighborhood business districts. Importantly, the effort is driven by the people who live and work in the neighborhood. Each took time and energy to push for new development. In many respects,



New Business in Madisonville



Theater in Oakley Business District

neighbors decided what they wanted, and then they made it happen.

The city's commitment to the district is "smart" investment. Cities traditionally are best at providing new infrastructure, and that is what Cincinnati did in this case. We continue to invest in NBD infrastructure in other communities.

Neighborhood Business Districts United is an organization that helps the City connect with NBDs. You can learn more about the city's commitment to Neighborhood Business Districts by visiting the website at <http://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/pages/-581-/>

CLEAN INITIATIVE CONTINUES TO SUCCEED

Mayor Luken's 2003 CLEAN Initiative was unveiled his 4th State of the City earlier this year.

The tenets of the program: Communication, Leadership, Evaluation, Assessment, and Neighborhood Involvement are all key parts of the City's strategy to reduce crime.

Mayor Luken, as well as City Council, continue to evaluate crime statistics for each district and each neighborhood.

Monthly, Mayor Luken continues to meet with the Department's command staff.

As discussed on page one of this publication, CPOP is an important strategy for long term success. Captain Cureton has implemented several programs in District 2, including Evanston and Madisonville. Neighborhood leaders in those communities are working proactively with district police officers, and Cincinnati encourages such communication.

Meanwhile, Capt. Vince DeMasi, of the Investigations Bureau, continues to partner with neighborhood leaders to discover the hot spots that concern a community. Violent Crime continues to

be down for the year, so all signs point to the success of CLEAN.



Cincinnati Police Recruits. Photo by Cincinnati Enquirer

A SUMMER OF FUN IN DOWNTOWN

Summer 2003 brings an amazing array of events and happenings to Downtown Cincinnati.

The news about Cincinnati's 2003 downtown program has been all over town, but there is still a great deal for people in neighborhoods to rediscover about Cincinnati's downtown.

The tie to community arts will be evident through the "Bats Incredible" project, Cincinnati's third citywide public arts program. "Bats Incredible" will feature over 200 sculptures using Louisville Slugger Bats, and celebrating Cincinnati's baseball history. All of this, of course, is to coincide with the grand opening of the Great American Ballpark.

Cincinnati's neighborhoods are also known for quality restaurants and eateries. Downtown Cincinnati has its share of great restaurants as well. New to Cincinnati this summer are places such as *Jean Robert at Pigalls*

and *Nick & Tony's*. Each offers incredible meals and a great downtown atmosphere. Both, as well as the many other downtown restaurants, will make perfect preludes to a performance of the Lion King or the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra conducted by Paavo Jarvi.

Shopping is great downtown too, and not just because there is a Lazarus, Tiffany's, Saks Fifth Avenue, and Brooks Brothers. It's great because of places like Intuitive on Vine Street, and the Ohio Book Store on Main Street. If you don't know about either place, you should. Take a trip to Tower Place Mall on the weekends, and take some time to search out the many small

businesses and shops that are thriving downtown.

Summer 2003 in Downtown Cincinnati is going to be great.

And while you're visiting, make sure you say hello to the Downtown Ambassadors and the Cincinnati Police Officers you will see everywhere.

"2003 is the entire region's chance to rediscover downtown Cincinnati!"

—Mayor Luken

See you downtown!



Taste of Cincinnati in May brings 500,000 diverse Cincinnatians together to enjoy the summer. Other events this summer include Jammin' on Main, the opening of the Contemporary Arts Center, Bats Incredible, the Reds at the Great American Ball Park and the Lion King.



Spotlight on The Old Ford Factory—660 Lincoln



Usually we intend to show a picture of a new neighborhood development that is making a big impact of Cincinnati.

In this case, however, we want you to imagine that ugly, graffiti filled shell of a building that sits right of I-71 on Lincoln Avenue.

The building is the Old Ford Factory, and we know that you have seen it thousands of times as you drive in to and out of Cincinnati.

On April 10, 2003, that all changed. Mayor Charlie Luken, City Officials, and the development team of Steve

Bloomfield and Dick Duvall unveiled the new sign on the Lincoln Avenue building and told the entire Cincinnati region that 660 Lincoln would be occupied by September of 2003.

Fisher Design, a company with local roots in Walnut Hills, has agreed to occupy the entire top floor.

Bloomfield and Duvall continue to look for additional tenants, but in the meantime re-construction has begun.

When Mayor Luken took office in 1999, he told those involved that they had better fix the building up, or he was

going to tear it down.

And on April 10, 2003, a 12 million dollar project began in the heart of Walnut Hills.

Since we are so excited about this project, we are probably going to do another story on it again in September when the finished product is unveiled.

Until then, let the old building fade from your mind, and use your imagination to envision a beacon of hope for inner city development. You'll see for yourselves soon enough.

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Letter from the Mayor

Dear Cincinnati:
April brings a great feeling to Cincinnati. Just about 10 days ago, I marched in the Opening Day parade, and saw thousands of Cincinnatians get excited about their City. It was a great feeling seeing people from all of our neighborhoods come together to celebrate being a Cincinnati. Our City relies on its neighborhood leaders for an important energy. You consistently bring your leadership to issues that require inordinate amounts of time and dedication. Occasionally we will butt heads, but 9 times out of 10 we can work through our differences and find solutions that are better for the entire community. City Hall appreciates your energy. You may not hear

Mayor Luken breaks ground on Carthage Mills, a new housing development in Carthage



us say thank you as often as you would like, but please know that we value all of your work, and each of our 52 neighborhoods are better off because of it. Thanks!

As you know, this is the second newsletter I have published to keep my commitment to stay in contact with the neighborhoods more frequently. I appreciate your suggestions, and

hope that you find the information in this newsletter to be helpful. Please email me if there is information you would like to see, or questions you may have.

My email is Char-

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Charlie Luken".

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Charlie Luken
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